

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, MONDAY, MARCH 7TH, 1921, AT 8:00 P.M.

Present: His Worship Mayor Vance
Alderman Cochrane
Alderman Irwin
Alderman McColl
Alderman Morden
Alderman Townsley
Alderman Watson

The Minutes of Meeting of Council held February 21st, 1921, copies of which had previously been supplied each of the Aldermen, were taken as read and on motion of Alderman Irwin, seconded by Alderman Townsley, adopted.

The Minutes of Special Meeting of Council held February 24th, 1921, copies of which had previously been supplied each of the Aldermen, were taken as read and on motion of Alderman Townsley, seconded by Alderman Irwin, adopted.

The Minutes of Special Meeting of Council held February 26th, 1921, copies of which had previously been supplied each of the Aldermen, were taken as read and on motion of Alderman McColl, seconded by Alderman Townsley, adopted.

Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

From the Registrar, County Court, Vancouver, being a receipt for the registration of "City of North Vancouver General Borrowing and Hypothecation of Taxes Bylaw, 1921", No. 450.

Filed.

From Margaret Sommerville and Geo. D. Hoyland, requesting that the City replace the subdivision stakes for Lots 3, 4 and 5, Block 116, D.L. 274, which they claim had been removed by City employees when Keith Road was graded.

Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the petitioners be written to inquiring whether they have proof that City employees removed said stakes, and the date of such removal.

From the City Engineer reporting that he has inspected the foot bridge on 3rd Street, over Lynn Creek, also the accounts and payrolls of the District of North Vancouver, and recommends that 50% of the cost of such bridge, viz., \$211.55 be paid as agreed.

Moved by Alderman Townsley seconded by Alderman W.J. Irwin and resolved that the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to issue a cheque payable to the District of North Vancouver in the amount of \$211.55 being one-half cost of construction of foot bridge over Lynn Creek at 3rd Street.

From J. Scruton, with reference to the arrears of taxes on Lot 8, Block 2, D.L. 273, he being a returned soldier and wishing relief at least from interest on arrears of taxes so that he may dispose of the property in order to put same in good standing on the Collector's Rolls.

Moved by Alderman Townsley seconded by Alderman Cochrane and resolved that Mayor Vance and Alderman McColl be appointed a special Committee with power to deal with the above application.

Alderman Irwin not voting.

From the City Solicitor, enclosing letter from the Department of Marine and Fisheries acknowledging receipt of application for the cancellation of lease of waterlot in front of Lots 2 and 3, Block 173, D.L. 274, held by Abraham Grossman, and advising that the matter is being referred to the Vancouver Harbour Commissioners for a report.

Filed.

From F.J.A. King, applying for lease of Fruit Stand on the North Vancouver Ferry wharf at the Vancouver side and offering \$100.00 per month for a 5 years lease.

Referred to Ferry Committee.

From Meakin & Holdcroft, advising that they are specializing in the design and installation of various utilities and are prepared to definitely fix fees to be charged for any stated work.

Referred to the Engineer.

From Thos. R. Morcini, advising that his coat had been damaged by paint on No. 3 Ferry, also from Eric R. Thomson, Solicitor, advising that he and Mr. T. Morecombe and Mr. T. Diplock had had their coats decorated with paint on No. 3. Ferry.

Referred to the Ferry Committee and the Superintendent for a report.

From Geo. Walkem, Chairman Water Committee, Point Grey, advising that a meeting of representatives of Municipalities concerned in the Greater Vancouver Water supply will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, March 10th, in the Board of Trade Rooms, Vancouver.

Referred to Special Committee consisting of Mayor Vance and Alderman Morden.

From the Superintendent B.C. Soldiers Settlement, stating that correspondence has passed between the Provincial and Dominion Governments with reference to an increase in the allotment under the Better housing Act, but the Provincial Government is not aware at the present time, if any further funds will be forthcoming.

Filed.

From the City Solicitor, advising that an action is being brought on by David Hadden against the City, claiming an injunction restraining the City from draining Forbes Avenue sewer into the Inlet and claiming damages, and requesting that he be allowed to retain Counsel.

Moved by Alderman McColl seconded by Alderman Morden and resolved that the Mayor and Solicitor be authorized to retain Counsel in above action.

From the City Solicitor, advising that Daniel Wilson of 737 St. Andrew's Avenue, North Vancouver has commenced action against the City claiming \$1,000.00 damages for being forcibly ejected, assaulted and beaten by the Mate on No. 2 Ferry on December 6th, 1920.

The City Solicitor having previously been authorized to accept service in the above matter, the letter was filed.

From the Board of School Trustees, enclosing detailed statement of the sums required by the Board for the current year's ordinary expenses. Net amount \$72,130.67 in addition to which there will have to be provided for sinking fund and interest \$25,104.52. Total \$97,235.19 for ordinary expenses.

Also from the Board of School Trustees, enclosing detailed statement of special or extraordinary expenditure, net amount \$5,000.00.

Moved by Alderman McColl seconded by Alderman Morden and resolved that the Board of School Trustees be requested to hold a conference with the Council on the evening of March 8th if possible, and that the estimates be laid on the table.

From the Vancouver General Hospital, enclosing statement of account for the year ending December 31st, 1920, amounting to \$1,991.50 also statement for the month of January 1921, amounting to \$527.50.

Referred to Committee of the Whole Council.

From the City Engineer enclosing a suggested sketch for the subdivision of Lot 8, Block 18, corner 18th and Lonsdale Avenue.

Referred to the Committee of the Whole Council.

From A.G. Perry, Local Manager, B.C. Electric Railway Company, acknowledging receipt of a letter dated March 2nd, notifying the B.C. Electric Railway Company that the City would hold said Company liable in the event of any claims for damages by reason of the street lights not burning.

Filed.

From Geo. Kidd, General Manager, B.C. Electric Railway Company, acknowledging receipt of letter with draft copy of agreement between the City and the Vancouver Power Company, and advising that the draft agreement is in order and fully covers the situation.

Referred to Bylaw stage.

From A.R. Butcher, 448 - 17th Street East, drawing attention to the bad condition of the road between St. Andrew's and Queensbury Avenues.

Also drawing attention to the crossing at Moody Avenue.

Referred to the Board of Works and the Engineer.

From the Steamship Inspector, dated March 3rd, advising that owing to the general depreciation of the hull of No. 2 that it now becomes necessary to reduce the loads to be carried in one unit to a maximum of three tons, and the maximum number of passengers to be carried to 600; upon the satisfactory completion of the present repairs, a Certificate for a period of six months will be granted.

Laid on the table.

From Annie M. Gillam, Secretary Victorian Order of Nurses, applying for permission to tag on the streets and on the ferries on May 14th.

Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman Cochrane and resolved that the above request be granted.

From H.R. Gunning, corner Sutherland and 25th, drawing attention to the condition of Sutherland Avenue north of the Lynn Valley Road.

Referred to the Board of Works and the Engineer.

From the Comptroller of Water Rights, Victoria, approving of an application dated 26th December 1911 as holder of Water License No. 1676 for the diversion of once cubic foot per second of water from the outlet of Rice Lake, construction of said works to be completed and put to beneficial use on or before the 31st day of December 1950.

Filed.

From Andrew Goodlad, Secretary Pacific Division Canadian Navigators Federation, enclosing in duplicate, proposed agreement between the City and the Canadian Navigators Federation on behalf of the Masters and Mates on the North Vancouver Ferries, the terms of said agreement being the same as applied under the agreement for 1920, and new agreement to terminate on the 28th day of February 1922.

Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman Morden and resolved that the draft agreement between the City and the Canadian Navigators Federation, Pacific Division, on behalf of the Masters and Mates on the North Vancouver Ferries, be and it is hereby approved and the Mayor and Clerk be and they are hereby authorized to execute the same on behalf of the City, and the Clerk to attach the Corporate Seal thereto.

From the Ticket Sellers at the ferries, applying for two weeks vacation with pay.

Referred to the Ferry Committee.

From the North Vancouver Hospital, being notice of admission of Mrs. S. Cicci, also report that she has been a resident for three months, has paid part of her hospital account and will meet the balance.

Notice of admission of Paddy Thyrza, also report that she is a soldier's widow, has had a lot of sickness in the family but will endeavour to pay as soon as possible.

Admission of Mrs. Thomas Magee, also reported that she is in poor circumstances and will meet with the account if possible.

Filed.

From the City Engineer re application of Leon Secuyer to cut a road from the District down Bewicke Avenue to 22nd Street, suggesting that he be requested to submit an offer for the amount he would pay for the timber on the roadway.

Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman McColl and resolved that the above party be requested to submit offer and that such offer when received, be submitted to the Engineer for a report.

From the City Engineer re application of Mr. Doyle, 363 - Keith Road East, for a sidewalk on the South side of Keith Road from St. David's to Ridgeway, reported that a three plank walk would cost \$125.00. At the present time there is a very good earth sidewalk.

Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman McColl and resolved that Mr. Doyle be advised that there is no provision in the estimates this year to cover the sidewalk applied for and expressing the regret of the Council that it will be impossible to install sidewalk this year.

From the City Collector being report of the collections for the months of January and February 1921.

January collections total \$4,844.61
February collections total \$23,867.16

Filed.

From Alex. Philip, Interim Secretary North Shore Memorial Hospital, requesting the City Council to appoint two of its members to act on the Directorate that the first meet if the new Board will be held on April 7th, at 8 p.m.

Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that Mayor Vance and Alderman Cochrane be and they are hereby appointed to act on the Directorate of the North Shore Memorial Hospital for the current year.

From the Rev. J. Hyde, applying for a loan of \$1200.00 to complete house which he purposes building under the Better Housing Act.

Moved by Alderman Townsley seconded by Alderman Cochrane and rd that the Rev. J. Hyde b e granted a loan of \$1200.00 out of Better Housing funds, subject to the usual restrictions.

From J.G. Farmer, advising that an appointment has been made with the Premier for the 12th instant, at 11 a.m. at Victoria, with respect to a subsidy of \$400,000.00 towards the construction of a connecting link between the North and South shores.

Laid on the table.

From John McLean, Secretary North Vancouver City and Wallace Shipyards Band, applying for a grant. Referred to Estimates.

The Clerk reported having received two tenders from parties having premises which they are offering for use for City Hall purposes. Also that since coming into the Council Room a further application had been received.

Mvoed by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Townsley and rd that the last named tender be received and all tenders be referred to the Committee of the Whole Council.

Reports and recommendations by the Finance, School, Board of Works, Waterworks, Ferry, Fire and Light, Parks, Health and Police Committees on due accounts were submitted by the respective Chairmen and read to the meeting and the Treasurer was authorized to pay the accounts to the amounts following:

Finance		\$1,260.20
Finance (School)		\$8,751.90
Board of Works	\$327.00	
"	\$904.95	\$1,231.95
Waterworks	\$300.00	
"	\$104.40	\$404.40

Ferry		\$7,907.92
Fire & Light		\$1,070.00
Parks	\$40.00	"
"	\$83.07	\$123.07
Parks (Health)	\$300.00	
"	\$93.60	\$393.60
Parks (Police)		\$1,067.50

The report of the Ferry Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of February 28th, 1921 was read and on motion of Alderman Watson, seconded by Alderman Morden, adopted.

The report of the Fire and Light Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of February 28th, 1921 was read and on motion of Alderman Townsley, seconded by Alderman Watson, adopted.

Moved by Alderman Morden seconded by Alderman Townsley that any member of this Council be privileged to give publicity to any matter of public business at any time and through any avenue that he may choose.

After considerable discussion with respect to press reports published since the last Committee meeting, that the repairs to No. 3 Ferry were costing approximately \$18,000.00 and that the account had been referred back to the Wallace Shipyards for adjustment. Alderman Morden as mover of the above motion, with the consent of the seconder which was duly given, withdrew the motion.

Alderman Morden reported that he in company with Alderman Townsley had waited on Mr. Perry, Local Manager of the B.C. Electric Railway Company with respect to the street lights not burning, and Mr. Perry had stated that it was not the policy of the Company to put on strike breakers, and it was hoped that matter would be adjusted in the near future.

Alderman McColl, Alderman Irwin and Mayor Vance reported with respect to having attended the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Convention at Victoria re taxation, that all Municipalities seem to be in the same position that it is the intention of the Executive of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities to circularize all members of the local legislature and if necessary to go before the bar of the house.

The main subject of discussion at the Convention had been the increasing cost of hospitals.

Mayor Vance reported having attended two meetings of the Executive since the Convention, that a memorandum to be forwarded to all the members and Municipalities was nearly ready; that school rates have increased from 50% to 100% in the last two years, while the general rates of Municipalities have decreased.

Mayor Vance also reported having interviewed Dr. King with respect to amending the Motor Vehicle Act, exempting municipally owned apparatus and Motor trucks and that Dr. King had promised to have the matter taken up with the Attorney General.

Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the above reports of the delegates be received.

Alderman Cochrane submitted a motion which was not seconded with respect to dealing with tax sale property.

Moved by Alderman Morden seconded by Alderman Cochrane that from and after this date, all meetings of the Committee of the Whole or any standing committee of the Council, be open to representatives of the Press, on the understanding that any items that the Council may so request at such meeting, shall be reserved from publication.

An amendment was offered.

Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Townsley that the above resolution be referred to the Committee of the Whole Council.

A vote was taken resulting as follows:

For the Amendment: Aldermen Irwin, Townsley and McColl.

Against the Amendment: Aldermen Morden, Watson and Cochrane.

The Mayor declared the amendment carried and the motion lost.

The Mayor briefly gave as his reason for voting for the amendment that there are always some matters for discussion in Committee, which it is not always wise to have published.

A number of ratepayers being present, it was moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman Cochrane and resolved that they be permitted to address the Council.

Whereupon Messrs. Wm. Morden, G.A. McBain, A.R. Steacy, Dr. Martin and Mr. Lee, all property owners on Lonsdale Avenue, address the Council requesting that some relief be given to high priced property, and that the City assume say 50% of the local improvement rate.

After considerable discussion it was moved by Alderman Morden, seconded by Alderman Watson and resolved that the Clerk submit data to the Committee of the Whole at the next meeting, showing what amount of money is involved by above request, and what change would be made in the rate. Also powers of the Council in the matter.

Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that a City map be marked to show all property which has reverted to the City at tax rate - in one color showing those properties which were not redeemed - and in another color those which reverted to the City in the 1920 tax sale and have not yet been redeemed. Also that in connection therewith a tabulation be made showing the aggregate assessed value thereof at time of sale, and showing separately the aggregate value of those properties fronting on streets paved under local improvement prior to 1918, and the aggregate assessed value of all other properties which have reverted to the City. This data to be available within one week from date hereof.

Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Morden and resolved that Mayor Vance be authorized to go to Victoria on all matters re special legislation during the present Session of the house.

Moved by Alderman Morden seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that Mayor Vance be appointed a delegate to attend a conference in Victoria on the 12th instant, re application for a subsidy of \$400,000.00 towards the construction of a connecting link between the North and South shores.

Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Morden and resolved that a conference be held with the Council of the District of North Vancouver at as early a date as possible, to discuss matters of mutual importance.

Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman Morden and resolved that the question of additional ferry boat be taken up by the Committee of the Whole, and that the question of Financing same be referred to the Mayor and Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Moved by Alderman Townsley seconded by Alderman Cochrane and resolved that the Bylaw entitled "City of North Vancouver Land Purchase Bylaw" be now reconsidered, finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and City Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal.

Moved by Alderman Townsley seconded by Alderman Pilling and resolved that the Bylaw entitled "City of North Vancouver Land Sales Bylaw, 1920, No. 2" be now reconsidered, finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and City Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal.

Whereupon the Bylaw was read and reconsidered, finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal and numbered 451.

Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman McColl and resolved that Mr. Kidd having approved of the draft agreement between the City and the Vancouver Power Company Limited, that the Committee proceedings with respect to the Bylaw to confirm an agreement with the Vancouver Power Co. Ltd., be dispensed with.

Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the Bylaw to confirm an agreement with the Vancouver Power Company Ltd., be now read a third time.

Whereupon the Bylaw was read a third time and passed by the Council.

A draft lease between the City and Joseph Crane doing business as the Queensboro Shipyards was submitted.

Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman McColl and resolved that the last condition in the proposed lease be eliminated, providing that provision is made that in the event of surrender, the lessee is to be paid for improvements and that a clause be inserted that in the event of a mutual agreement as to purchase price not being arrived at, then such matter shall be referred to arbitration, under the terms of the Provincial Arbitration Act.

Also a clause to be inserted to the effect that should a purchaser wish to purchase the property at any time during the existence of the lease that the lessee shall be given two weeks notice of such offer to purchase, and failing his purchasing the property, the City to have the right to sell to another party.

Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman McColl and resolved that the time for receiving tenders for the purchase of timber in Heywood Park and fractional blocks on the Boulevard be extended one week.

Moved by Alderman Morden seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that this Council do now adjourn to reconvene in the Council Chamber, on Tuesday March 8th at 7:30 p.m. and that the School Board be requested to confer at such meeting , with respect to estimates for the year 1921.

Signed: Bruce Watson, Acting Mayor